

Eslava House  
Springhill, Alabama

HABS No. ALA-6

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey  
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer  
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THE ESLAVA HOUSE  
Springhill, Mobile County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: L. G. McMillan  
From 1931 to 1935.

Previous Owners: B. F. Marshall  
From 1840 to 1863.  
Celestine Eslava  
From 1863 to 1878.  
Odyle Eslava  
From 1878 to 1896.  
Jules Eslava  
From 1896 to 1906.  
Mary C. Strange  
From 1906 to 1908.  
T. S. Byrne  
From 1908 to 1931.

Date of Erection: ~~1840~~ 1853

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Unknown.

Present Condition: Excellent.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Frame; brick substructure and steps,  
steps have slate treads; metal roof.

Other Existing Records:

See: Birmingham News, November 4, 1934

"2 RAISED COTTAGE TYPE" SOUTHS IDEAL".  
By E. Walter Burkhardt, District  
Officer, H.A.B.S.

Additional Data: The highly elevated floor level, massive steps, broad front porch, side wings and porches and low pitched roof, combined with the symmetrical plan of this house form a pleasing ensemble. The rooms are large and the halls are broad; with their high ceilings and arrangement the whole creates a decidedly Southern home of its time.

Plastered walls and wood panelled ceilings of porches, while not unusual in that day, are noticeable. Details of the main entrances at front and rear; the interior hall doors and their uncommon transoms, are attractive. The porch columns, rails and interior trim, while of modified design, are splendidly executed. Although of an unexpected style, the marble mantels are finely modelled.

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